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The Honorable John C. Whitehead
Deputy Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

John,

At lunch last week you mentioned talking to a Black South African religious leader who contended that the US would lose its credibility with Black Africa if we helped Savimbi. I asked our folks to take a look at Black African views on Savimbi and thought you might be interested in seeing what they came up with.

Regards.

John N. McMahon

Enclosure

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FROM: Executive Assistant/DDI

SUBJECT: Further Support for the DDI

When Bob Gates met with John McMahon last Friday, the DDCI asked for an assessment of Jonas Savimbi's support among Black Africans. What are the views of Savimbi among Black Africans in (a) South Africa and (b) the frontline states?

Two pages of analysis in talking-points format, with sufficient supporting detail, should be enough. We need to get a response to McMahon by this Thursday.

Thanks,



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